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Community Calendar

Pumpkin Festival planned

The 26th Annual Pumpkin Festival in Romulus is set for Sept. 20, 21, and 22 at the Romulus Historical Park at 11147 Hunt St.

The annual Pumpkin Festival is a three-day event that starts on the third Friday in September. Our festival begins with the Parade of Lights, where everything is aglow, from bicycles to cement trucks. Thousands of people line Goddard Road to wait for the fun.

The weekend street festival offers live music, food, crafts, and games for all ages. Officials said the downtown festival is a celebration of friends and family; a harvest celebration that generates an enthusiastic spirit and regenerates a sense of community.

A craft show, vendors booths and an expansive car show along with contests and games for all ages are planned during the event.

Register for citywide sale

The free city-wide yard sale in Romulus will take place Sept. 26, 27, 28 and 29 this year. Rain dates are Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Those planning a sale should register with the city on the application available at https://www.romulusgov.com/.../Spring-Fall-Citywide...

Registrations received by Friday, Sept. 20, will be included in a list of participating addresses published in "The Eagle" newspaper.

Contact the clerk's office at (734) 942-7540, clerk@romulusgov.com for more information.

Building a Stronger Westland topic of State of City address

Mayor Kevin Coleman will present the 2024 State of the City Address and Business Awards from 3 until 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17 at the SoHo Banquet and Event Center.

Coleman's address is titled 'Building a Stronger Westland'.

Advance registration for the speech is required at www.LivoniaWestland.org.

Bowling benefits library

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Romulus Public Library are hosting a Bowling Night beginning with check in at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 at Romulus Lanes. Bowling begins at 7 p.m.

The cost for the event is $25 per person and includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop and two mystery games.

There will be a cash bar available. Register and pay in advance at romuluschamber.org.

Romulus Lanes is located at 37452 Wet Huron River Dr. in Romulus.

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Family demands police camera tape of fatal shooting

Protests regarding the fatal shooting by police of a Wayne man curtailed the meeting of the members of the Wayne City Council last week.

Mayor John Rhaesa adjourned the meeting after only 4 minutes as audience members continued to demand the release of the body camera video of the of the shooting of John Zook Jr., 40, who was shot and killed by a Wayne police officer June 18.

Zook called the Wayne Police 911-line June 18 to report that he needed help as he was suicidal and having a mental health crisis, according to official accounts of the incident. Police arrived at Zook's Newberry Square Apartment in about 2 minutes and found Zook armed with a kitchen knife. Officers reported that Zook has cut himself several times in a suicide attempt.

Wayne Police Chief Finley Carter told reporters that the responding officers made multiple requests for Zook to drop the knife. When he did not respond to verbal commands, officers twice used a taser on Zook, according to official reports of the incident. As the situation escalated, Zook was shot with a handgun six times, killing him at the scene in front of his 4-year-old son. Police claim that he lunged at the officers prompting the fatal response.

Zook's family, friends, and community members have demanded the release of unedited body camera footage, and the name of the officer or officers involved in the shooting, but their demands have been refused or ignored by city and police officials. A recent rally took place outside Wayne police headquarters on Michigan Avenue, demanding the video and more information about the death of Zook. Family members have repeatedly stated that they believe the situation could have been handled differently and have repeated their questions regarding the six gunshots Zook suffered in the situation.

Attorney Todd Perkins, representing the Zook family, said that training could have resolved the situation and that it could have ended with Zook going to the hospital instead of the morgue. He said he and the family have filed a Freedom in Information Act request for all records of the incident.

Community activists, family members and friends repeatedly shouted "shame" at a previous city council following the failure of a motion by a councilmember to release the body camera footage, the 911 call and the results of the Michigan State Police investigation. Zook's father, a retired Highland Park police sergeant, his wife and Zook's sister have seen only an edited version of the taped confrontation. The family is demanding to see the entire record of the confrontation and shooting. Zook's father told reporters than the footage the family viewed does not match the police accounts of the incident or police claims that his son charged at the officers with a knife.

John Zook Jr

Perkins said the family has learned that an investigation by the Michigan State Police has been completed and the file referred to the office of the Wayne County Prosecutor. A spokesman from that office said the investigation would be reviewed for any charging decision. Zook's father said he expects charges against both the shooter and another responding officer.

"When they (prosecutors)look at evidence, I think they (the officers) should be charged," John Zook Sr. said.

Fish story

Federal, state and local officials celebrate hatchery restoration

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell and John O'Meara, executive director of the Alliance of Rouge Communities were among the crowd who officially celebrated the completion of the habitat restoration and Johnson Creek Fish Hatchery Park.

The $1.2 million project was funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Fish Hatchery Park holds historical significance as the former site of the first federal fish hatchery in the U.S., once one of the largest in the country. Johnson Creek is now the only remaining cold-water fishery in the Rouge River, officials said. The restoration project, initiated in 2018, aimed to address the loss of fish and wildlife habitat.

Stabenow, who originally drafted the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to address the greatest threats to the Great Lakes ecosystem, helped plant a native tree at the site.

The restoration included removal of 2,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment in the pond to create deeper water for fish habitats; planting of more than 250 native trees and 300 native shrubs to filter stormwater runoff; creation of a fish passage channel between the pond and Johnson Creek and removal a concrete wall, stabilizing and naturalizing 1,250 feet of streambank.

During the ceremony, officials discussed the site long history of the site and the significance of the project in removing the Rouge River from the list of Areas of Concern (AOCs). Northville Mayor Brain Turnbull, Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo, Crawford White of the Environmental Protection Agency and John O'Meara, executive director of the Alliance of Rouge Communities.

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, at left, U.S. Rep Debbie Dingell, at right, and John O'Meara, executive director of the Alliance of Rouge Communities and U.S. Rep Debbie Dingell were among the federal, state and local officials celebrating the completion of Johnson Creek Fish Hatchery Park last week.

Canton Township ceremony marks International Day of Peace

The International Day of Peace will be marked in Canton Township with a special ceremony set for 10 a.m. until noon Sept. 21 at the Heritage Park Peace Pole Plaza.

The event is hosted by Canton Township, Canton Rotary, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The plaza is located at the intersection of Civic Center Boulevard and Veterans Way in Canton.

Established in 1981 by a unanimous United Nations resolution, the International Day of Peace provides a globally shared date to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a culture of peace. Every year on Sept. 21, the United Nations invites the world to mark the International Day of Peace, as it encourages all to: "…strive even harder to promote dialogue, empathy, and human rights in a world mired by conflict, inequalities, and discrimination."

"It is important to come together as a community in the spirit of peace and harmony to demonstrate a commitment to foster peace in the world," said Canton Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak. "It is so fitting to celebrate this global day of peace in the Heritage Park Peace Pole Plaza, where the universal symbol of peace bearing the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" stands proud. Now more than ever before, everyone's individual and collective responsibility should be to act as catalysts for change and agents for peace."

To celebrate the official International Day of Peace, this free event will include a reflective walk around the Heritage Park pond, a meditation activity, messages of peace, and more.

The program will also feature a welcome from Canton Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, as well as special remarks by Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (MI-06). Students from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will also provide a kids' choir performance.

No preregistration is required. Light refreshment samples will also be served.

For more information, visit www.cantonmi.gov or call (734) 394-5185.

On the B.L.O.C.K.

Canton youth leadership programs now accepting applications

Applications are now being accepted for the Canton Township Lead #LikeAGirl, Be A #ModelMan, and Youth Advisory Council Programs for the 2024-2025 school year. The free programs are available through The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center for local youths who are interested in developing life skills, such as self-confidence, interpersonal communication skills, stress management, and leadership skills.

Lead #LikeA Girl was developed in 2015 by The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center. This free program enables participants to challenge themselves, discuss relevant issues that young girls face with their peers, and foster relationships with female role models within the community. This award-winning program serves a diverse group of young women ages 11-16 and is designed to change the way that these participants, and the community-at-large, think about what it means to Lead #LikeAGirl…and ultimately live #LikeAGirl.

Be A #ModelMan, established in 2016, aims to grow six core values, including: integrity, empathy, compassion, inner strength, courage, and respect. Monthly themed workshops take place from October through May and are designed to inform program participants ages 11-16 about healthy masculinity, leadership, and community involvement. In addition, this program curriculum encourages participants to interact and foster relations with public servants and community model men, who embody the program's core values.

The Canton Youth Advisory Council is an influential group of area high school students who truly make a difference in their community. Members participate in community service projects, lead special events, participate in local decision-making, and award annual grants to organizations that benefit Canton Youth.

"The B.L.O.C.K. staff are excited to challenge these young individuals with unique experiences that will help them develop new skills and confidence," said Chelsea Straub, Youth Recreation Specialist. "All of these opportunities help inspire participants to become real change-makers to help make a difference in their communities."

Interested candidates are encouraged to apply through The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center. Applications are currently available on The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center website at www.cantonmi.gov/theblock and must be submitted by Sept. 20. Program space is limited, so applicants are encouraged to apply early.

Local volunteer and financial support have helped these programs expand their positive programming opportunities, officials said. Some current and past sponsors include: MASCO, Community Financial Credit Union, Eastern Michigan University, and the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. Sponsorship opportunities are still available for individuals, businesses, and foundations to assist in the development of future sessions. To become involved, contact Laura Mortier at (734) 394-5376 or email laura.mortier@cantonmi.gov.

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center, located on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road in Canton.. For more information about Lead #LikeAGirl, Be A #ModelMan, The Youth Advisory Council, or The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center, visit www.cantonmi.gov/theblock or call (734) 398-5570.

Canton Blues, Brats and Bands event set for this Saturday

Only the location of the annual Brews, Brats, and Bands will change this year while the popular features will remain the same. The event is set for 6 until 9 p.m. this Saturday, Sept. 14 at the new location in the Heritage Park amphitheater, located behind the Canton Administration Building. This year, Brews, Brats, and Bands will be hosted by Canton Leisure Services and the Village Arts Factory. Sponsors are Schoolcraft College, Provision Senior Living Communities and Beerfests.com.

"Any event involving drinking craft beers, eating brats, and listening to music with friends and family is bound to be a good time," said Kevin Ryan, Village Arts Factory program director. "It's important to note that with construction taking place in our usual location of Preservation Park, we are temporarily relocating this popular fall event to Heritage Park, which is the only change to this annual event that will feature over 50 specialty beers, ciders, and seltzers in one location."

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Village Arts Factory, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that serves as a nexus for the arts, culture, music, and community engagement, as well as the Canton Cares Fund, which supports the Canton community by providing financial assistance to disaster relief, therapeutic recreation, youth, and senior programs.

Admission includes seven tasting tokens each good for beer, cider, or seltzer tasting samples, as well as two grilled brats with fixings (vegetarian option available), a snack from the pretzel necklace-making station, water, chili cook-off tastings, and a commemorative mug. The brats will be provided by Maraschinos Pub. Musical entertainment will be provided throughout the evening by Atomic Radio, billed as "Detroit's Premier Cover Band."

Tickets are $45 online at Beerfests.com (search Canton, MI) or at the door (cash only). Designated Driver tickets are also available for $15. Pre-purchasing tickets is highly recommended, as there are a limited number of tickets available for purchase onsite at the event. Additional beer-tasting tickets are available on-site for purchase; receive four additional tickets for $5. Limited chairs and tables will be provided, so attendees are encouraged to bring their own folding chairs.

For more information, visit www.cantonmi.gov/678.

Seniors enjoyed visiting with vendors, health tips and dancing at the Health and Wellness Expo in Northville last year.

Northville to host Seniors Health and Wellness Expo on Oct. 10

Northville Senior Service will host a Health and Wellness Expo from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Northville Community Center.

The purpose of the new event is to engage and educate older adults on the benefits of maintaining an active lifestyle, as well as address health concerns that arise with aging, officials said. New programming offered by the Senior Services will also be introduced during the event. Similar to previous events, registrants will enjoy vendor tables, but new this year are fitness class demonstrations, a Kroger Health vaccine clinic, door prize raffles and live entertainment from Suzi Marsh. Lunch also will be provided.

"We are still going to have dancing and the party atmosphere," said Senior Services Supervisor Debbie Giulianelli-Smith. "We are excited for this new emphasis, which has an educational element to it."

Senior Services recently added several fitness classes and enrichment programs for social well-being to the curriculum. The Expo will draw attention to some of them in hopes of promoting healthy lifestyles while having fun. Officials said the Health & Wellness Expo comes at an opportune time. Currently, a quarter of Michigan's population is 65 or older. The state is in the midst of what's called the "silver tsunami," where 4.1 million Americans are poised to turn 65 this year and every year through 2027.

This represents the largest surge of retirement-age Americans in history. The population in Northville is growing older and by 2045, the largest population growth area will be those 85 and older with an 86 percent increase, according to SEMCOG. That's why Senior Services is putting a new emphasis on well-being, Giulianelli-Smith said.

"By having this in October, which is often the start of flu season, we are giving those who want it the opportunity to get vaccinated," she said.

Northville Senior Services is a division of Northville Parks & Recreation. The Northville Community Center is at 303 W. Main St. The day-long event is priced at $15 for residents and $18 for non-residents. To register, visit https://npar.info/3SC57HM.

"Our community is so active that this new Expo makes sense," said Northville Parks & Recreation Director Derek O. Smith. "We expect the community to embrace this magical day planned just for them."

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY
EXPANDED!

TWO TRUCKS...Paper Shredding and Electronics Recycling

September 28, 2024
9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Romulus City Hall Complex
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, MI 48174

This is a Drive-Thru event. Please pull up to the shred truck. Staff will be directing traffic. Please stay in your vehicle and an ElectroCycle employee will remove the boxes from your vehicle, dump the documents or the recycling and return your boxes to the vehicle.

There is a limit of 2 boxes per vehicle. The boxes should be not larger than a standard Banker box (15"X12")

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT (734) 955-4542

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PUBLIC AUCTION
FRAZIER'S AUTO SERVICE TOWING

On Tuesday, 24, 2024 at 1:30 PM, Frazier's Auto Service Towing located at 35830 Van Born Rd, Wayne, MI, County of Wayne, will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

24-12891	2003	JEEP	LIBERTY	1J4GL48KX3W679273
24-13413	2013	FORD	EDGE	2FMDK3JC7DBA31543

The above vehicle is impounded through the City of Romulus Police Department.

All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid for in full at the conclusion of the auction.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 26, 2024, for the following:

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF BOILER AND HOT WATER TANKS

Bids may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Canton Towing and Recovery, LLC

Canton Towing and Recovery, LLC will be holding a Public Auction on September 17, 2024 at 9am for vehicles deemed abandoned by The State of Michigan.
Auction location is 43511 Michigan Ave, Canton, MI 48188.

1. 2008 Volkswagen Jetta (white)
3VWRM71K48M123326